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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims **1- 23** are presented for examination.
2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 10-14, 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by **Pettus** U.S. Patent No. **5,832,219**.

5. As to claim 1, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, including a distributed component system in a network comprising:

a client node configured to process client activation requests (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 3 lines 65-col. 4 lines 12, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44),

a server node configured to monitor activation requests from the client node, said node operating to enable the client node to activate remote components on available server nodes without specific names or capabilities of nodes in the network servicing

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the requests (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 4 lines 42-col. 5 lines 12, col. 5 lines 15-27, col. 10 lines 34-col. 11 lines 13, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44).

6. As to claim 2, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein said network comprises a local-area network, a wide-area network, or Internet (col. 1 lines 39-46).

7. As to claim 3, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein said activation requests are processed by a client node that includes enhancements to a network protocol of the client node (col. 1 lines 47-65).

8. As to claim 4, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein said server node include enhancements to a network protocol of the server node (col. 2 lines 47-67).

9. As to claim 6, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, including a distributed computing system in a network having a client and a server (figures 1, 2 elements 102, 106, 200, 250), the system comprising:

a first module configured to augment activation capabilities of the client by intercepting and processing machine-independent client activation requests (figures 3, 4, elements 316, 366, col. 3 lines 55-col. 4 lines 12, col. 21 lines 47-53),

a second module coupled to the server, said second module configured to monitor requests on the server by the client, said first and second modules enabling the

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client to trigger creation of remote components without specific names or capabilities of network nodes servicing that creation (figures 3, 5, col. 6 lines 64-6, col. 21 lines 54-57).

10. As to claim 7, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, including a method comprising:

receiving a machine-independent activation request from a client in a network (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 3 lines 65-col. 4 lines 12, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44),

multicasting said activation request to the network (col. 1 lines 47-54, col. 5 lines 15-40, col. 12 lines 20-33),

receiving capability information from servers available to service said activation request (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 4 lines 42-col. 5 lines 12, col. 5 lines 15-27, col. 10 lines 34-col. 11 lines 13, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44).

11. As to claim 10, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, including a method comprising:

monitoring at a server a specific port to receive a machine independent client activation request within a network (figure 6, col. 5 lines 15-48, col. 10 lines 8-33),

retrieving a client address from an IP packet associated with the request (col. 2 lines col. 47-col. 3 lines 13, col. 11 lines 55-col. 12 lines 9, col. 17 lines 60-col. 18 lines 48),

returning capability information of the server to the client address (figure 8, col. 4 lines 13-22, col. 4 lines 57-col. 5 lines 12, col. 10 lines 26-col. 11 lines 13, col. 12 lines 61-col. 13 lines 10).

12. As to claim 11, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein monitoring the specific port includes monitoring a port that is tied to a multicast IP address (col. 1 lines 47-54, col. 5 lines 15-40, col. 10 lines 8-33, col. 12 lines 20-33),

13. As to claim 12, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein returning includes returning a server IP address (figure 3, col. 3 lines 34-col. 4 lines 22, col. 12 lines 61-col. 13 lines 10).

14. As to claim 13, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein returning includes using a distributed system creation mechanism to create, package, and return an interface pointer in a location transparent form (col. 5 lines 15-48, col. 9 lines 59-col. 10 lines 33, col. 11 lines 64-col. 12 lines 9).

15. As to claim 14, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, a method comprising:

receiving a machine independent activation request from a client in a network (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 3 lines 65-col. 4 lines 12, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44),

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multicasting said activation request to the network (col. 1 lines 47-54, col. 5 lines 15-40, col. 12 lines 20-33),

requesting capability information from servers available to service said activation request (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 4 lines 42-col. 5 lines 12, col. 5 lines 15-27, col. 10 lines 34-col. 11 lines 13, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44),

monitoring a port that is tied to a multicast IP address (col. 1 lines 47-54, col. 5 lines 15-40, col. 10 lines 8-33, col. 12 lines 20-33),

retrieving a client address from an IP packet (col. 2 lines col. 47-col. 3 lines 13, col. 11 lines 55-col. 12 lines 9, col. 17 lines 60-col. 18 lines 48),

returning capability information of the server to the client address (figure 8, col. 4 lines 13-22, col. 4 lines 57-col. 5 lines 12, col. 10 lines 26-col. 11 lines 13, col. 12 lines 61-col. 13 lines 10).

16. As to claim 20, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, including a computer program, residing on a computer readable medium (abstract, figure 2), the program comprising executable instructions that enable the computer to:

receive a machine-independent activation request from a client in a network (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 3 lines 65-col. 4 lines 12, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44),

multicast said activation request to the network (col. 1 lines 47-54, col. 5 lines 15-40, col. 12 lines 20-33),

receive capability information from servers available to service said activation request (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 4 lines 42-col. 5 lines 12, col. 5 lines 15-27, col. 10 lines 34-col. 11 lines 13, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44).

17. As to claim 21, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, including a computer program, residing on a computer readable medium (abstract, figure 2), the program comprising executable instructions that enable the computer to:

monitor at a server a specific port that is tied to a multicast IP address to receive a machine-independent client activation request within a network (figure 6, col. 5 lines 15-48, col. 10 lines 8-33),

retrieve a client address from an IP packet associated with the request (col. 2 lines col. 47-col. 3 lines 13, col. 11 lines 55-col. 12 lines 9, col. 17 lines 60-col. 18 lines 48),

return capability information of the server to the client address (figure 8, col. 4 lines 13-22, col. 4 lines 57-col. 5 lines 12, col. 10 lines 26-col. 11 lines 13, col. 12 lines 61-col. 13 lines 10).

18. As to claim 22, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, including a computer program, residing on a computer readable medium (abstract, figure 2), the program comprising executable instructions that enable the computer to:

receive a machine-independent activation request from a client in a network (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 3 lines 65-col. 4 lines 12, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44),

multicast said activation request to the network (col. 1 lines 47-54, col. 5 lines 15-40, col. 12 lines 20-33),

request capability information from servers available to service said activation request (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 4 lines 42-col. 5 lines 12, col. 5 lines 15-27, col. 10 lines 34-col. 11 lines 13, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44),

monitor a port that is tied to a multicast IP address (col. 1 lines 47-54, col. 5 lines 15-40, col. 10 lines 8-33, col. 12 lines 20-33),

retrieve a client address from an IP packet (col. 2 lines col. 47-col. 3 lines 13, col. 11 lines 55-col. 12 lines 9, col. 17 lines 60-col. 18 lines 48),

return capability information of the server to the client address (figure 8, col. 4 lines 13-22, col. 4 lines 57-col. 5 lines 12, col. 10 lines 26-col. 11 lines 13, col. 12 lines 61-col. 13 lines 10).

19. As to claim 23, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, including a distributed component network comprising: client nodes configured to be able to request activation of remote components at run-time without specific names or capabilities of nodes servicing those requests (abstract, figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 3 lines 65-col. 4 lines 12, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44); and server nodes operating to monitor the requests and respond appropriately to service the requests (abstract,

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figures 7, 8, elements 714, 816, col. 4 lines 42-col. 5 lines 12, col. 5 lines 15-27, col. 10 lines 34-col. 11 lines 13, col. 19 lines 61-col. 20 lines 44).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

20. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

21. Claims 5, 8-9, 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over **Pettus** U.S. Patent No. **5,832,219**, in view of **Hunt** U.S. Patent No. **6,263,491**.

22. As to claim 5, **Pettus** does not explicitly teach the invention substantially as claimed. However, **Hunt** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein said distributed system comprises a DCOM framework (figure 4, col.10 lines 31-38, col. 11 lines 5-61). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time

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of the invention to combine the teachings of **Pettus and Hunt** to have a distributed system comprises a DCOM framework because it would permit the distribution of different components for a single application across two or more network computers.

23. As to claim 8, **Pettus** does not explicitly teach the capability information includes a list of server IP addresses or UNC names of servers that have the ability to service a request for a specific CLSID. However, **Hunt** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the capability information includes a list of server IP addresses or UNC names of servers that have the ability to service a request for a specific CLSID (col. 10 lines 13-30, col. 11 lines 5-51). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Pettus and Hunt** to have the capability information includes a list of IP addresses or UNC names of the servers that have the ability to service a request for a specific CLSID because it would help the client program can load the class's executable file either in the client program's process or into the server process and the client program can call to request information or services from server component using its assigned CLSID.

24. As to claim 9, **Pettus** does not explicitly teach the capability information includes an interface through a CLSID directly. However, **Hunt** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the capability information includes an interface through a CLSID directly (col. 10 lines 13-30). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the

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Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Pettus and Hunt** to have the same motivation as set forth in claim 8, supra.

25. As to claim 15, **Pettus** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed. However, Hunt teaches the invention further comprising: providing a CLSID, an interface identifier, a maximum and minimum response wait time, a maximum and minimum response count, and whether server names or IP addresses should be returned, before the client requests capability information from the servers (col. 10 lines 13-30, col. 11 lines 5-51, col. 18 lines 15-col. 19 lines 14, col. 24 lines 4-col. 26 lines 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Pettus and Hunt** to have the same motivation as set forth in claim 8, supra.

26. As to claim 16, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein returning capability information includes returning one to many server names or IP addresses capable of servicing said activation request for the particular CLSID and information identifier requested (figure 3, col. 3 lines 34-col. 4 lines 22, col. 12 lines 61-col. 13 lines 10).

27. As to claim 17, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein returning capability information includes returning a pointer to the interface identifier (figure 6, col. 9 lines 59-col. 10 lines 33).

28. As to claim 18, **Pettus** teaches the invention as claimed, wherein said pointer is packaged into a location transparent form (col. 5 lines 15-48, col. 9 lines 59-col. 10 lines 33, col. 11 lines 64-col. 12 lines 9).

29. As to claim 19, **Pettus** does not explicitly teach the invention as claimed. However, Hunt teaches the location transparent form is a DCOM remote OBJREF in the form of a MEOW packet (figure 4, col.10 lines 31-38, col. 11 lines 5-61). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of **Pettus and Hunt** to have the same motivation as set forth in claim 8, supra.

Conclusion

30. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

31. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Ha Nguyen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-7447. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, SPE Ayaz R. Sheikh, can be reached at (703) 305-9648.


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Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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